

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

TRUSTEES OF CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL	)	
OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, CHICAGO	)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	)	
WELFARE FUND, CHICAGO REGIONAL	)	
COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS SUPPLEMENTAL	)	
RETIREMENT FUND, and the CHICAGO	)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	)	
APPRENTICE & TRAINEE PROGRAM FUND	)	
FUND,	)	Case No.
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	Judge
vs.	)	
	)	
MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**COMPLAINT**

Now come the Plaintiffs, the Trustees of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, et al., by their attorney, Nicholas E. Kasmer of Whitfield, McGann, & Kettermann, complaining of the Defendant, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC. and allege as follows:

1. This action arises under Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and Section 301 of the Taft-Hartley Act. (29 U.S.C. §§1132 and 185). Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of questions arising thereunder.

2. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Supplemental Retirement Funds, and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprentice Training Fund ("Trust Funds") receive contributions from numerous employers pursuant to Collective Bargaining Agreements between the employers and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, ("Union"), and therefore, are multiemployer plans. (29 U.S.C. §1002). The Trust Funds are administered at 12 East Erie, Chicago, Illinois and venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois.

3. MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce entered into a Collective Bargaining Agreement whose terms require itself to pay fringe benefits to the Trust Funds.

4. The Collective Bargaining Agreement also binds MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., to the provisions of the Agreement and Declarations of Trust that created the Trust Funds ("Trust Agreements").

5. MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is required to make contributions to the Trust Funds for each hour worked by its carpenter employees at the rate and in the manner specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Trust Agreements. In addition, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is required to make contributions to the Trust Funds measured by the hours worked by

subcontractors that are not signatory to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Union.

6. Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Agreements and the Collective Bargaining Agreements, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is required to provide access to the records necessary for the Trust Funds to determine whether there has been compliance with the obligation to contribute to the Trust Funds.

7. MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., breached the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by failing to allow Plaintiffs to complete an audit of Defendant's books and records for the period January 1, 2014 through the present, after demand for audit was made upon MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC.

8. Plaintiffs have been required to employ the undersigned attorneys to compel the audit of the Defendant's books and records.

9. MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is obligated to pay the attorney and auditor fees and court costs incurred by the Plaintiffs pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Trust Agreements and/or 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D).

10. According to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Trust Agreements and/or 29 U.S.C. §1132(g), MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., is obligated to pay any fringe benefit contributions shown to be due upon completion of the audit, as well as liquidated damages and interest.

11. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), Plaintiffs are entitled to an amount equal to the greater of:

- (a) double interest; or
- (b) interest plus liquidated damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- A. That the Defendant, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., be required to provide access to its records within ten (10) days for the period of January 1, 2014 through the present, so that the audit can be completed.
- B. That Defendant, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., be ordered to pay all contributions shown to be due upon completion of the audit.
- C. That Defendant, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., be ordered to pay the attorney and auditor fees and costs incurred by the Plaintiffs.
- D. That Defendant, MAXIM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, INC., be ordered to pay liquidated damages and interest.
- E. That Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as by the Court may be deemed just and equitable all at the Defendant's cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRUSTEES OF THE CHICAGO REGIONAL  
COUNCIL PENSION FUND et al.

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